

Eddie Sleeper

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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Eddie Sleeper; Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Donna Lasinski (District 52); Rep. Joseph Bellino, Jr. (District 17); Rep. Darrin Camilleri (District 23); Rep. Triston Cole (District 105); Rep. Scott Dianda (District 110); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Patrick Green (District 28); Rep. Beth Griffin (District 66); Rep. Steven Johnson (District 72); Rep. Beau LaFave (District 108); Rep. James Lower (District 70); Rep. John Reilly (District 46); Rep. Jim Tedder (District 43); Rep. Diana Farrington (District 30); Rep. LaTanya Garrett (District 7); Rep. Gary Glenn (District 98); Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71)
Subject: Testimony for February 13, 2018 Energy Committee Hearing
Attachments: DTE Bill.pdf

To Whom It May Concern,

Perhaps you are aware that thousands of customers are complaining of skyrocketing *electric* bills in the middle of winter, even when they have *gas* heat.

I am one of those customers.

I have lived in my home for over 5 years. I heat my house with a gas boiler and supplement with a wood burning stove.

Suddenly, after the smart meter was put on my home, my ELECTRIC usage has jumped 139% (over what it was the year before) for the last billing cycle, which ended in mid-January. There is no other year in which my electric bill has been so insanely high for the past 5 years, *and there is NO REASON for it to be high in the winter.*

The sole explanation, given that I am not running anything more than usual: The smart meter. **The smart meter is a black box.** An analog meter passively measures your total consumption. The computer that is the smart meter can be programmed *remotely* to do anything they want it to do. **And the customer has no recourse, no way to prove that s/he is being cheated.**

The only solution is an ANALOG meter. The utility can't program it to run differently or charge a different rate.

House Bill 4220, the Analog Meter Choice Bill, needs to be passed because customers are being defrauded and the only way to prevent this fraud is an analog meter.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter. Thank you.

Please see attachment for proof of kWh increase of 139% in over 5 years.

Jessica LaFore



Payment Coupon

Please indicate amount paying \$ _____

Account Number	9100 273 0190 2
Past Due - Pay Now	\$17.89
Due February 19, 2018	\$226.19
Total Due:	\$244.08

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DTE Energy
 P.O. Box 740786
 Cincinnati OH 45274-0786

For address corrections, please visit dteenergy.com
 or call 800 477 4747.

Return upper portion with your payment 200180574934

Keep lower portion for your records

Contact Information

Gas Leak or Gas Emergency 800.947.5000
 Customer Service or Power Outage 800.477.4747
 Hearing-Impaired TDD Line 800.888.6886 (Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)
 Web Site dteenergy.com

Programs you are enrolled in

Summary of Charges

Account Number 9100 273 0190 2

Account Balance as of Dec 22, 2017	267.89
Payment Received Jan 08, 2018 Thank You!	- 150.00
Payment Received Jan 16, 2018 Thank You!	- 100.00
Balance Prior to Current Charges	17.89
Total Current Charges	226.19
Account Balance as of January 26, 2018	\$244.08

Your current charges are due on February 19, 2018. A 2% late payment charge will be applied if paid after the due date.

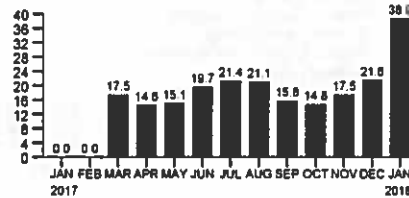
Your Monthly Energy Usage

For ways to save energy and save money, go to dteenergy.com/saveenergy

ELECTRIC

	Average Usage per day		Year Ago
	Current Month	Last Month	
KWH Usage	38.9	21.6	16.3
Change		80%	139%

KWH



Your average daily electric cost for this billing period was \$6.46

Your usage is based on an ACTUAL meter reading

Important Information

Account Information

Beginning with the January 2018 billing cycle, the name of the Energy Optimization Charge is changing to the Energy Waste Reduction Charge. The amount of the charge will increase from 0.3390 cents per kWh to 0.3396 cents per kWh. The average customer bill, using 650 kWh per month, will increase less than 1 cent.

Beginning with the January 2018 billing cycle, the Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) factor will increase to a credit of (0.087) cents per kWh. The PSCR factor allows DTE Electric to recover its actual fuel and billed to customers without any profit or markup.

For the average Michigan residential customer, renewable energy is estimated to avoid \$3.08 per month of new coal-fired generation costs.

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